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BOBBY
GODRIC.

TWENTY-FOUR
HOURS. THREE, TWO,
ONE AND...MARK.

THIS IS REALLY
HAPPENING, PEOPLE.
ANYONE WITH *SECOND*
THOUGHTS, NOW'S THE
TIME TO STEP OFF
THE STAGE.

NO HARM,
NO FOUL, NO
SHAME.



ODELL
JONES.

HOW
ABOUT NO
CHANCE?

LACHLAN
RHYE.

IN HELL.

WHAT
ODELL
FORGOT TO
SAY IS "IN
HELL."

PERDITA
RAMONE.

IF I END
UP A STAIN ON
THE WALL, I SWEAR--
MY FUNERAL BETTER
BE *HISTORIC*,
BOBBY.



FREDDIE
WOODWARD.



SERIOUSLY.
ARE
WE THERE
YET?

KLK

PERDITA,
YOU'LL BE HAPPY TO
KNOW I'VE ARRANGED
FOR YOUR ASHES TO
BE BURIED ON THE
MOON.

THANK
YOU ALL.
SINCERELY.

LAUNCHING.



EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE

ANYONE
ELSE HEAR
THAT?

EASY, PEOPLE.
WE KNEW IT WAS
COMING. JUST A LITTLE
WHITE NOISE FROM
THE--



EEEEEEEEEEEE

URGH.

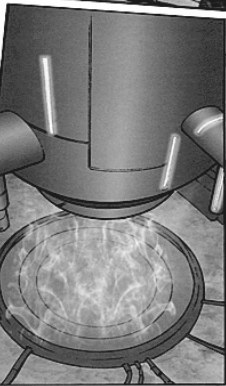
T-THE
ELECTRO--

--M--
MAGNETS.



NOW!

EEEEEEEE





ONE DIMENSION
SIDWAYS...





CONGRATULATIONS,
BOBBY. YOU JUST
MADE HISTORY.

HISTORY?
YOU MADE THE FIRST
MAN ON THE MOON
LOOK LIKE A LITTLE
LEAGUER UP AGAINST
THE YANKS.

I THOUGHT
YOU SAID WE COULD
ONLY JUMP *SIDWAYS*.
LOOK AROUND, THIS
SURE LOOKS LIKE THE
FUTURE TO ME!

GET YOUR
HEADS STRAIGHT,
PEOPLE.



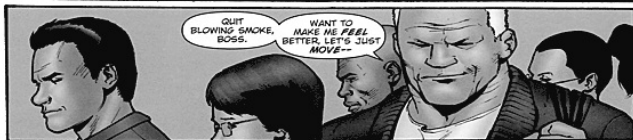
WE'RE SWIMMING IN
DEEP WATERS HERE
AND THAT COULD
VERY WELL SPELL
SHARKS.

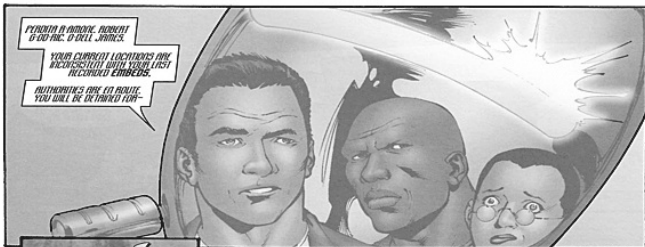
EXIT IS AT
NINE O'CLOCK. SAME
ONE I'M SURE YOU'D HAVE
NOTICED YOURSELVES,
WEREN'T SO BUSY BEING
CONSPICUOUS.

LACHLAN'S RIGHT.
WE'RE ACTING LIKE
KIDS IN A TOY STORE.
NOSE TO THE GRIND-
STONE, TEAM.

QUIT
BLOWING SMOKE,
BOSS.

WANT TO
MAKE ME *FEEL*
BETTER, LET'S JUST
MOVE--











SERIOUSLY,
YOU NEED
THERAPY.

I'LL SEE
YOU IN CLASS AND
NO, YOU CAN'T COPY
MY ALGEBRA THIS
TIME.

BOBBY...

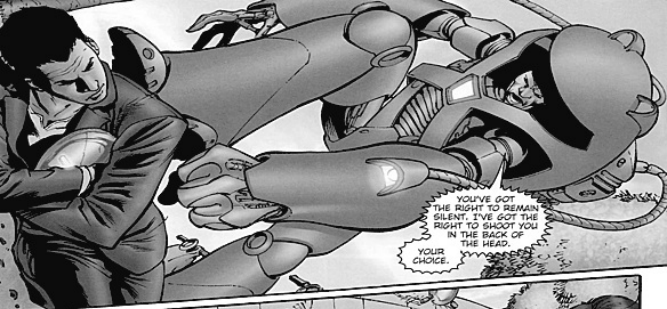
DON'T BE
SO SENSITIVE.
I'M ONLY--

TEASING--
AAAAFFF!

MMMMMM...

DID YOU
REALLY THINK
I WOULDN'T
RECOGNIZE YOUR
HANDWRITING?

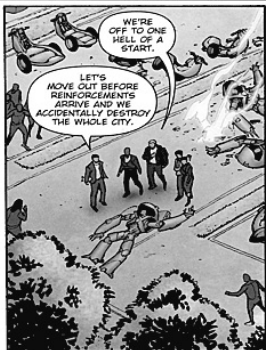
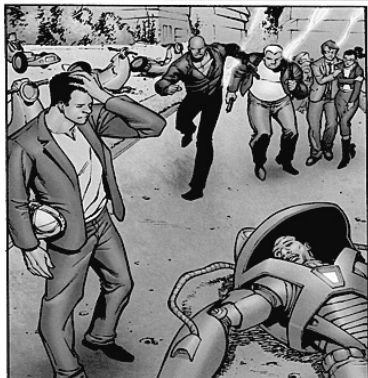
I ALWAYS
WAGNED THAT'S
HOW OUR FIRST
KISS WOULD
BE.



BA-KOOM!







ANAHEIM.

FOURTEEN HOURS
AND COUNTING...

SAFE TO SAY
THE NATIONAL PASTIME
ON THIS EARTH IS
DEFINITELY NOT
BASEBALL.

WONDER
WHAT THEY DO FOR
FUN AROUND THESE
PARTS. PROFESSIONAL
SUBORDINATION,
MAYBE?

GIVE ME A
SECOND. I GRABBED
THIS THING BECAUSE I
THOUGHT WE COULD
USE IT TO REVERSE-
LOCATE NORA.

I'D HAVE
HAD BETTER LUCK
TRYING TO READ SCIENCE
FICTION WRITTEN IN
SANSKRIT.

MY
SPECIALTY.
LET ME TAKE A
PEEK UNDER THE
HOOD.

THESE
THINGS SEEM TO
KEEP REAL-TIME
RECORDS OF PEOPLE'S
WHEREABOUTS BUT IT
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT
PACKS ANY INTERNAL
MEMORY, SO...

I'M GUESSING
WIRELESS CONNECTION
TO A VIRTUAL HARD
DRIVE, SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.

IF IT USES
SOME KIND OF
QUANTUM DRIVE, IT
MIGHT TAKE ME A FEW
YEARS TO REVERSE
ENGINEER.

HOLD UP.
WE JUST HIT THE
LOTTERY.

SIGNAL'S
ENCRYPTED,
OBVIOUSLY, BUT
IT'S STRONG.

REMIND ME
TO GIVE YOU A RAISE
FOR OFFICIALLY
DESTROYING MY
SELF-ESTEEM.

I'VE BEEN
TRYING TO CRACK
THAT FOR THREE
HOURS. YOU FIGURED
IT OUT IN FOURTEEN
SECONDS.

THE DAY I
TAKE A DOLLAR
FROM YOU IS THE DAY
YOU TRADE ME IN
FOR A NEW BEST
FRIEND.

NOW, WHO
DO WE KNOW
THAT MIGHT BREAK
THAT ENCRYPTED
SIGNAL...

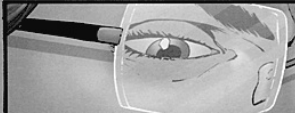


TIME IS
NOT OUR FRIEND HERE,
FREDDIE...

I'M NOT
TRYING TO PUSH
YOU. EVERYONE KNOWS
YOU'RE WORKING HARD
BUT WE JUST DIPPED
UNDER SIX HOURS.

YOU DO
REALIZE I'M TRYING
TO CRACK A QUANTUM
CRYPTOGRAPHIC SIGNAL,
WHICH, ON OUR EARTH IS
STILL NOTHING MORE
THAN A MAD IDEA...

...WITH A
PENTIUM-BASED
OPERATING SYSTEM
COMPLETELY FOREIGN TO
WHATEVER O.S. THIS
TECHNOLOGY WAS
BUILT ON?



IMAGINE
BUILDING A WORKING
SPACE SHUTTLE OUT
OF CHILDREN'S BLOCKS
AND PICTURE
BOOKS.

THIS IS
TWICE AS HARD
AND I'VE ONLY EVER
MEMORIZED ONE BOOK
ON THEORETICAL
CRYPTOGRAPHY,
SO--

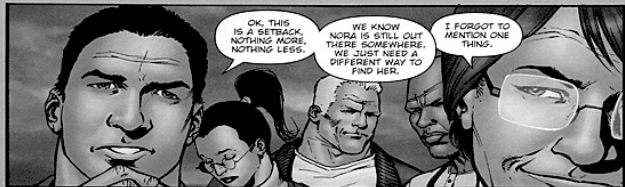
OH, HELL
NO!!



IT'S OVER,
GUYS.

THEIR
SYSTEM DEFENSES
BACKTRACKED OUR
SIGNAL. THEY SLICED
THROUGH OUR FIREWALL
AND KILLED US.

I'M SORRY,
BOBBY.



OK, THIS IS A SETBACK, NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS.

WE KNOW NORA IS STILL OUT THERE SOMEWHERE. WE JUST NEED A DIFFERENT WAY TO FIND HER.

I FORGOT TO MENTION ONE THING.



YOU KNOW THAT BOOK ON THEORETICAL CRYPTOGRAPHY I MENTIONED READING?

BEST.

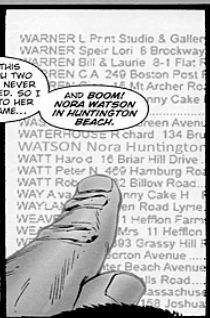
BOOK.

EVER.



WHAT THREW ME OFF FOR A SECOND WAS SEARCHING FOR NORA UNDER YOUR LAST NAME, GODRIC.

BUT ON THIS WORLD, YOU TWO MUST HAVE NEVER BEEN MARRIED. SO I SWITCHED TO HER MAIDEN NAME...



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LET'S BRING HER HOME.



I FEEL
LIKE I'M
HOME.

RIGHT
HERE, WITH YOU,
THIS IS WHY I
BREATHE.



I MUST HAVE
BEEN BORN UNDER A
LUCKY STAR.

SOME PEOPLE
GO THEIR WHOLE
LIVES AND NEVER FIND
THE PERSON THEY'RE
SUPPOSED TO BE
WITH.

I'VE KNOWN
YOU SINCE OUR
THIRD GRADE TALENT
SHOW.



SAVE THOSE
SWEET NOthings
FOR NEXT TIME,
GENERAL SMOOTH. YOU
ALREADY GOT LUCKY
TWICE TONIGHT.



IN
THE FREEZING
FEBRUARY COLD, NO
LESS. IF THAT'S NOT
LOVE, I DON'T KNOW
WHAT IS.

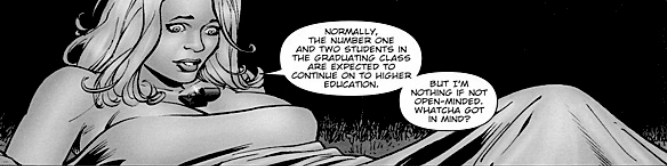


LOVE
YOU, TOO.

BY THE WAY,
THERE'S SOMETHING
I'VE BEEN MEANING
TO ASK YOU.



WILL YOU
SKIP COLLEGE
WITH ME?



NORMALLY,
THE NUMBER ONE
AND TWO STUDENTS IN
THE GRADUATING CLASS
ARE EXPECTED TO
CONTINUE ON TO HIGHER
EDUCATION.

BUT I'M
NOTHING IF NOT
OPEN-MINDED.
WHATCHA GOT
IN MIND?



THE
NEXT BIG
THING.



IT'S OUT
THERE RIGHT
NOW--MAYBE THE
**BIGGEST THING
EVER--**AND NOT MANY
PEOPLE ARE PAYING
ATTENTION.

REMEMBER
THAT ARTICLE YOU
SHOWED ME ABOUT
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
AND INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY?



DARPA TCP/IP PROTOCOLS? THE
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
NET? AN ELECTRONIC WEB TO
CONNECT THE WORLD?

I HAVE
NO IDEA WHAT
YOU'RE TALKING
ABOUT.



I'M TALKING ABOUT
TAKING A CHANCE.
STEPPING OFF THE
BEATEN PATH. GETTING
IN ON THE GROUND
FLOOR OF THE
FUTURE.

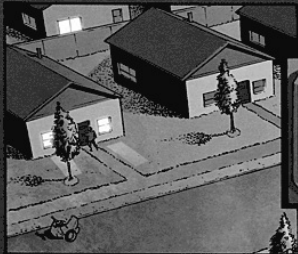
MAKING
OUR MOVE WHILE
WE'RE TOO NAIVE TO
WORRY ABOUT DETAILS
AND TOO YOUNG TO
KNOW HOW TO
FAIL.



AND WIN OR
LOSE, EVERY YEAR
WE'LL LAY UNDER THE
COLD FEBRUARY STARS
AND CELEBRATE THAT
AT LEAST WE
TRIED.

TOGETHER.

I DO.







HOW DID YOU GET OUT?
NO ONE EVER GETS
RELEASED FROM
PENITENTIARY-
ESPECIALLY WITH
YOUR KIND OF
RECORD.

ROBERT,
THIS COULD BE
REALLY BAD FOR
ME IF YOU'RE A
FUGITIVE.

NORA,
I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.
ARE WE...
FRIENDS?

I DON'T
BELIEVE IT. THEY
ACTUALLY **SLATED**
YOU AND RELEASED
YOU BACK IN
POPULATION.

THOSE FASCIST
BASTARDS...



ROBERT, THE
MAINFRAME DEEMED
US COMPATIBLE FOR
MARRIAGE AND
PROCREATION.

TO CELEBRATE,
YOU ACQUIRED ALCOHOL
FROM THE **INTER-MARKET**.
BUT THE WHOLE TRANSACTION
WAS A **STING**.

FOR BREACH OF
ETHICS, YOU WERE SENTENCED
TO LIFE IN PENITENTIARY. AS
FOR ME, I...



WELL,
MACLEAN AND
I, WE KEEP
EACH OTHER
COMPANY.



NAMED AFTER
NORMAN MACLEAN,
YOUR FAVORITE
AUTHOR.

EVEN ON
THIS BARTH, YOU
LOVE HIS WORK, FOR
WHATEVER REASON,
IT'S PROBABLY **ILLEGAL**
TO READ BUT
SOMEHOW...

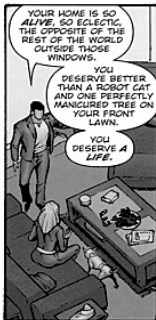
YOU FOUND
A COPY OF HIS
BOOK AND THE SIMPLE
HONESTY OF HIS
MACLEAN'S WRITING
TOUCHED--

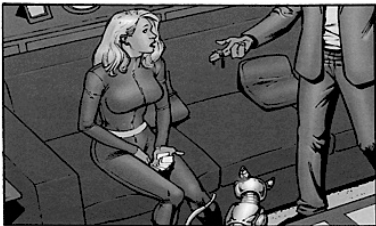
--TOUCHED ME
SOMEWHERE DEEP
DOWN. I NEVER TOLD
YOU THAT. HOW DO
YOU--?



ROBERT?

YOU BETTER SIT
DOWN. I'M ABOUT TO
TELL YOU SOMETHING
REALLY CRAZY.







SORRY.
YOU TAUGHT ME
BETTER THAN TO
BE BITTER.

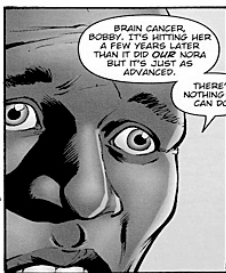
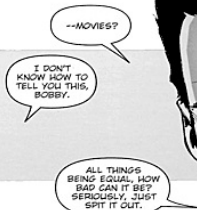
LET ME
FILL YOU IN
ON PROJECT:
NEVERMORE...

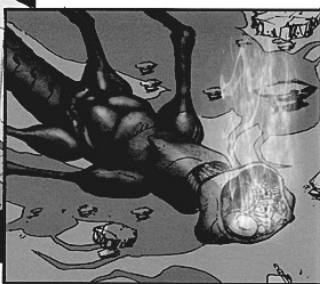






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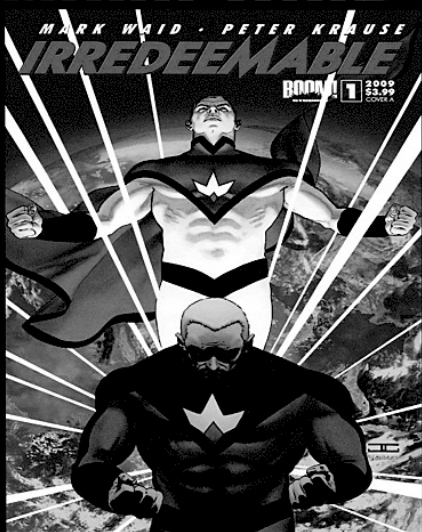
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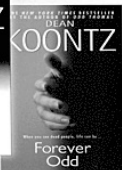
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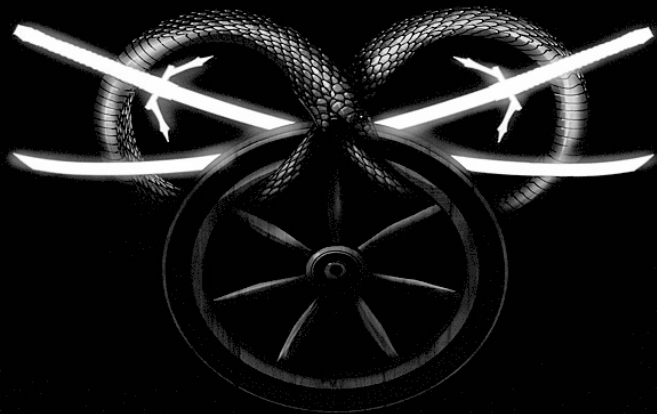


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